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- 1. APRIL CCG MEETING TAKEN UP ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY WITH SALARY REVIEW. SEC-GENS' REP PLEADED WITH CCG NOT TO DISCUSS A AND L GRADES, SINCE OECD SEC-GEN HAS PUT QUESTION OF WHETHER QUOTE EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES UNQUOTE EXIST THIS YEAR ON OECD COUNCIL AGENDA (REF B). OECD COUNCIL WILL DISCUSS THIS ISSUE ON MAY 4, BUT IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER ENOUGH REPS WILL HAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO ENABLE A DECISION TO BE TAKEN.
- 2. ON B AND C GRADES, BELGIUM AND U.K. RESOLVED DOUBTS EXPRESSED EARLIER (REF A) AND AGREED TO SEC-GEN'S PROPOSALS. DUTCH HAVE ALSO FALLEN INTO LINE, LEAVING ONLY GERMANS WITH MINOR PROBLEMS AND FRENCH WITH MORE SUBSTANTIAL OBJECTIONS. BOTH WILL HAVE COMPROMISES READY TO PRESENT AT NEXT CCG MEETING MAY 11, BUT IF FRENCH ARE PUSHED TO MEET SEC-GEN'S PROPOSAL, THEY MAY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TAKE THE MATTER TO THE OECD COUNCIL, WHOSE EMPLOYEES ARE MOST AFFECTED BY FRENCH POSITION. OECD STAFF ASSOCIATION REPS HAVE MET WITH FRENCH DEL AND BELIEVE COMPROMISE CAN BE ARRANGED.

3. SEC-GEN'S REP MADE FURTHER DEMARCHE TO U.S. DELEGATION ON APRIL 29, REPEATING CASE HE HAS MADE

PREVIOUSLY IN CCG, IN SEC-GEN'S PAPER (REF B) AND TO U.S. DEL (SEE REF C). FURTHER REPORT WILL FOLLOW MAY 4 OECD COUNCIL MEETING. WITH SALARY ISSUE DRAGGING ALONG, STAFF ASS REPS HAVE ASKED SEC-GEN TO PUT FORWARD REQUEST FOR FURTHER COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT (REF E) WHICH WILL BE ON AGENDA OF NEXT CCG MEETING.

4. ONE OTHER CCG ITEM OF INTEREST. COMMITTEE APPROVED INITIAL MEETING OF WORKING PARTY ON JOINT ADMIN UNIT FOR PENSION SYSTEM TO BE HELD IN PARIS MAY 13. U.K.

HAVE NOMINATED EXPERT. SEC-GENS HAVE ENGAGED SWISS PENSION EXPERT (TO ANNOYANCE OF SWISS DEL WHO SAID HIS GOVERNMENT HAD NOT BEEN CONSULTED) TO PREPARE SEC-GENS' POSITION. WE SUSPECT THIS WILL INCLUDE PROPOSAL FOR UNCLASSIFIED PERSONNEL AS PROPOSED REF (D). IT IS DOUBT-FUL THAT SEC-GENS CONTRIBUTION WILL BE READY IN TIME TO ALLOW WORKING PARTY TO MOVE SUBSTANTIALLY BEFORE SUMMER. U.S. IS, OF COURSE, INVITED TO NOMINATE EXPERT TO PARTICIPATE IN WORKING PARTY DELIBERATIONS. KATZ

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